



Town of Fairfax
Select Board Meeting
October 21, 2019 – 7:00pm

The drafted minutes presented below are unapproved subject to corrections and/or additions at the next Selectboard meeting. Those corrections and/or additions will be written to an amended version of the minutes, which will also be made available to the public.

Selectboard Members Present: Steve Cormier; Chair, Randy DeVine; Vice-Chair, Stephen Bessette, Duane Leach, and Sheri Rainville.

Public Present: Robby Rodimer, Barb Murphy, Kim Crosby, Chris Cota & Agnes Quinn.

Employees Present: Brad Docheff (Town Manager)

Call to Order: S. Cormier called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm.

Announcements/Additions:

Minutes

10-7-19 S. Bessette made the motion to accept the minutes as written, seconded by Duane, all in favor.

Accounts Payable & Payroll Warrants:

10-14-19 The Town and Utility warrants were reviewed by Duane.

10-21-19 The Town and Utility warrants were reviewed by S. Cormier.

Public Comment: None

Correspondence:

- Access Permit- Henning; Hunt Street. Continued from previous meeting, the question regarding the curb cut and replacement of sidewalk will be the property owners' responsibility. Sheri made the motion to accept the Access Permit Application seconded by S. Bessette, all in favor.

Kim Crosby with Casella:

Kim was in this evening for a yearly SWIP discussion. We are currently at the end of our 5-year term. There are several changes moving forward:

- By July 1, 2020 A new draft SWIP application will need to be submitted to ANR.
- The new SWIP term will run January 1, 2021 to December 31, 2025.
- Disposal reporting will be due the 1st and 5th year of contract
- There will be 2 Household Waste Days per year.
- The 2 Household Waste Days for 2020 are June 13th and September 26th.

- July 1, 2020 food waste will be banned from landfill.
- July 1, 2020 haulers will be required to offer collection of food scraps from non-residential customers and housing units with 4 or more apartments.
- As of October 1, 2019, the Bottle bill for unclaimed bottle returns will go to the State of VT to fund the Clean Water Program.

Trash Contract Renewal:

After multiple contacts with several companies, Casella is the only business to submit a proposal. The Town has been very happy with Casella, so that isn't an issue. Currently there are 3 options for service. Discussion followed which option 2 was most preferable and most consistent with our current service.

There was discussion with the public present regarding introduction of composting and a series of questions were asked. Kim Crosby of Casella also offered information on State mandates and avenues that Casella is exploring. Brad will continue talks with Casella to work on options, specific terms and length of any agreement.

Broadband Innovation Grant:

Chris Cota a resident of Fairfax has spoken multiple times with Brad about exploring ways to extend broadband coverage. Chris had to pay out of his pocket thousands of dollars to have Consolidated Communications install lines for coverage. (which the work has still not been done) Maps from the Vermont Dept. of Public Service were provided that showed the coverage of therefore lack of to Fairfax and surrounding areas. Through a VT Dept. of Public Service Grant, Brad and Chris will be working together to apply for the grant which would allow for up to \$60,000 for a feasibility study. "The purpose of the program is to evaluate innovative solutions that provide broadband to rural unserved and underserved areas of VT".

Town Manager Updates:

- Shepardson Hollow Bridge, A full Structure Scoping Study has been received from Tyler Billingsley of East Engineering. 3 Options for replacement were
 - #1 Precast Concrete Arch Culvert for \$435,000
 - #2 Open Bottom Aluminum Box Culvert for \$390,000
 - #3 Rigid Frame Concrete Bridge for \$420,000
 After discussion with Tim Germaine (Highway Supervisor) and Tyler Billingsley, they feel that option 2 would be our best choice. Currently we have \$235,000 in grant funds. This project would be in the next fiscal year when we have time to plan according with the budget. Brad thinks it is the responsibility of the Town to take care of the bridge, the board agrees.
- Emails have been sent to each department to work on their preliminary budget before November 1st.
- Brad has worked on some questions for a Self-Assessment/Performance Evaluation. These will be giving to employees soon.
- Highway Dept.: Tim Germaine was requested a pay increase for Jared Quick. Jared has been with the town for 6 months and has shown to be a great asset with eagerness to learn. The budget allowed for this increase and Brad as authorized.

- Rabies Clinic: The town plans to hold a clinic in March of 2020, due to some negative feedback regarding the previous company used, we will possibly be looking to work with another Veterinarian.
- BFA community review: Brain LaClair and Brad were able to work with BFA students for their community support. Groups went to Daycares, Rescue, 100 Acre Woods as well as other areas. Brad spoke with teens at the Community Center and listened to their concerns about a potential teen center and younger residents. "The kids brought a lot of energy and a lot of great ideas" Brad looks forward to continuing working with the students.

Adjournment:

At 8:10 S. Bessette made the motion to adjourn, seconded by Sheri, all in favor.

The minutes were respectfully submitted by Amy Sears; Administrative Assistant.

Steven Cormier
Selectboard Chair

**** The recorded meeting is available through LCATV or the Town's website. ****